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1. FRANCE: Vote of confidence concerning the crisis -- US Embassy Paris reports that as a result of violent Gaullist reaction the French Government has revoked its previous decision and has decided to permit the participation of a military honor guard at the 7 March war memorial service at which De Gaulle is to speak. The Embassy indicates also that the opposition of certain deputies to the Government's stand on the exceptional tax levy may be softened by reports that the Finance Ministry is working to revise the tax levy. The Embassy declares that a majority of observers believe at present that the Government "will squeak through by 15 or 20 votes," but that the vote of confidence will be the stiffest test the Government as yet has had to face.
2. GERMANY: Tentative agreement on Ruhr -- US Ambassador Douglas reports that the London Conference on German problems has reached a tentative agreement to set up in the Ruhr an international control agency which: (a) would represent the conferring powers and Germany; (b) would reach its decisions by majority vote, with the US, the UK, France, and Germany having three votes each and the Benelux countries one each; and (c) would receive regular reports on production, distribution, and consumption of Ruhr coal, coke, and steel and would have power to recommend such enforcement measures as are necessary to keep the German Government from defaulting on its obligations in the Ruhr.
3. FINLAND: Mannerheim's views on Soviet-Finnish relations -- US Ambassador Matthews in Stockholm has been reliably informed that former Finnish president Mannerheim considers that any decision to negotiate a Soviet-Finnish pact would be merely "the beginning of the end." Mannerheim reportedly believes that although the Finns might obtain superficial concessions, the USSR would obtain everything it desires and would use the treaty as an entering wedge to take over Finland. The former president thinks that changes may develop more slowly in Finland than in Czechoslovakia but the end results will be the same. Mannerheim concludes that militarily there is nothing the western powers can do on behalf of Finland.

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